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Letter dated 20 January 2009 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1854 (2008) concerning Liberia, adopted on 19 December 2008, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Panel of Experts appointed pursuant to paragraph 1 of resolution 1819 (2008) for a further period, until 20 December 2009, to undertake the tasks set out in paragraph 4 of resolution 1854 (2008). In paragraph 5 of the same resolution, the Council requested me to reappoint the members of the Panel of Experts and to make the necessary financial and security arrangements to support the work of the Panel.

I should like to note that Mr. Nelson Alusala, who served on the Panel during the mandate accorded by the Security Council in resolution 1819 (2008), is not able to continue his service with the Panel at this time.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that I have appointed the following experts:

Mr. Thomas R. Creal (United States of America)
Ms. Wynet V. Smith (Canada)

I have also designated Ms. Smith to serve as Coordinator of the Panel.

I will inform you as soon as a third expert has been appointed, in consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia, to replace Mr. Alusala.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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